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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 10/043,639

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For: METHOD FOR PREPARING 1,3-
PROPANEDIOL BY A RECOMBINANT
MICRO-ORGANISM IN THE ABSENCE
OF COENZYME B12 OR ONE OF ITS
PRECURSORS

Group Art Unit: 1652

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I. AMENDMENT; II. RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 29, 2005 AND STATEMENT; AND III. PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2005, (the "Action"), for which the date three-month date for response was October 29, 2005.

A request for a three-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This three-month extension will bring the due date to Monday, January 30,

2006, in view of the Saturday, Sunday, Holiday rule, which is within the six-month statutory period.

Further consideration of this case in view of the remarks contained herein is respectfully requested. Please date stamp and return the enclosed postcard evidencing receipt of this paper.

Amendment to the claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

Statement begins on page 11 of this paper.

Petition for Extension of Time begins on page 14 of this paper.